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Serial No. 10/080,436In the Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended):

A device comprising:

a cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy, wherein the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy has the following composition:

42% to 48% cobalt by weight; 19% to 25% nickel by weight; 16% to 20% chromium by weight; 2% to 6% molybdenum by weight; 2% to 6% ~~tungsten~~ ~~wolfram~~ by weight; 2.7% to 7.5% iron by weight; ~~and titanium-additives~~; and beryllium ~~for the balance-additives~~, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of: a stent, a spring, a needle, and a guide wire.

Claim 5 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 4,
wherein the device is a cardiovascular stent.

Claim 6 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 4,
wherein the device is a coil spring.

Claim 7 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 4,
wherein the device is a torsion spring.

Claim 8 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 4,
wherein the device is a biopsy needle.

Claim 9 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 4,
wherein the device consists essentially entirely of the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy.

Claim 10 (currently amended):

A device for use in nuclear spin tomography magnetic resonance imaging, comprising:
a cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy, wherein the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy has
the following composition:
39% to 41% cobalt by weight; 15% to 18% nickel by weight; 19% to 21% chromium by
weight; 6.5% to 7.5% molybdenum by weight; up to 0.15% carbon by weight; up to 1.2%
silicon by weight; up to 0.01% beryllium by weight; up to 0.015% sulfur by weight; up to
0.015% phosphorous by weight; and ~~an iron additive~~ for the balance, wherein the device is
selected from the group consisting of a stent, a spring, a needle, and a guide wire.

Claim 11 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 10,
wherein the device is a cardiovascular stent.

Claim 12 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 10,
wherein the device is a coil spring.

Claim 13 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 10,
wherein the device is a torsion spring.

Claim 14 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 10,
wherein the device is a biopsy needle.

Claim 15 (canceled)Claim 16 (previously presented):

The device according to claim 10,
wherein the device consists essentially entirely of the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy.

Claim 17 (currently amended):

A method of treating a patient, comprising:
inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient~~treating a patient with a device~~, wherein the ~~device~~stent comprises a cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy, wherein the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy has the following composition:

42% to 48% cobalt by weight; 19% to 25% nickel by weight; 16% to 20% chromium by weight; 2% to 6% molybdenum by weight; 2% to 6% wolfram by weight; 2.7% to 7.5% iron by weight; and titanium additives; and beryllium for the balance additives~~and titanium additives; and beryllium for the balance additives, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of: a stent, a spring, a needle, and a guide wire.~~

Claim 18 (currently amended):

The method according to claim 17, wherein ~~treating a patient with device~~inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient comprises ~~treating the patient~~inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient under nuclear spin tomography magnetic resonance imaging.

Claim 19 (canceled)Claim 20 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim ~~19~~17,
wherein the stent is a cardiovascular stent.

Claim 21 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim 17,
wherein the ~~device~~stent consists essentially entirely of the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy.

Claim 22 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim ~~17~~20,
wherein inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient comprises inserting the stent into a cardiovascular vessel of the patient~~the device is a spring~~.

Claim 23 (currently amended):

A method of treating a patient, comprising:
~~treating a patient with a device~~inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient, wherein the ~~device~~stent comprises a cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy, wherein the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy has the following composition:
39% to 41% cobalt by weight; 15% to 18% nickel by weight; 19% to 21% chromium by weight; 6.5% to 7.5% molybdenum by weight; up to 0.15% carbon by weight; up to 1.2% silicon by weight; up to 0.01% beryllium by weight; up to 0.015% sulfur by weight; up to 0.015% phosphorous by weight; and ~~an iron for the balance additive, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a stent, a spring, a needle, and a guide wire.~~

Claim 24 (currently amended):

The method according to claim 23, wherein ~~treating a patient with the device~~inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient comprises ~~treating the patient~~inserting a stent into a cavity of a patient under nuclear spin tomography magnetic resonance imaging.

Claim 25 (canceled)Claim 26 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim ~~25~~23,

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wherein the stent is a cardiovascular stent.

Claim 27 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim 23,
wherein the ~~device~~stent consists essentially entirely of the cobalt-nickel-chromium-based alloy.

Claim 28 (currently amended):

The ~~device~~method according to claim ~~23~~26, wherein ~~the device is a spring~~inserting a stent
into a cavity of a patient comprises inserting the stent into a cardiovascular vessel of the patient.